

# Is NICOP a Solution For Your Funding Problem?

*Have a US-Int'l R&D collaboration that needs additional support? If you don't read anything, read this page.*

QUESTION	YES?	NO?
1. Does the project involve International collaborative R&D?	Go to Question 2	<b>NICOP is not the solution.</b> NICOP funds are only intended for int'l R&D collaboration (US +Non-US).
2. Is the proposed project between the Int'l partner & the US Sponsor a "new" collaboration? "New" could mean: the partners have not worked together before; or, the collaboration will address a new technical issue.	Go to Question 3	<b>NICOP is not the solution.</b> NICOP funds are only provided to start new Int'l collaborations.
3. Will the U.S. Sponsor provide over half the funding provided to the int'l partner over the life of the project?	Go to Question 4	<b>NICOP is not the solution.</b> NICOP is only available as a source of matching funds. NICOP matches up to 100% of the support provided by other US Sponsors (i.e., ONR, NRL, DARPA, TSWG, NSF, NOAA, ... even other Services).
4. Does the project have relevance to a US Navy (USN) technical issue?	Go to Question 5	<b>NICOP is not the solution.</b> If not sure, contact ONRIFO for guidance on USN requirements.
5. Does the project have an ONR Program Manager (PM) or NRL Program Officer (PO) willing to endorse or manage the effort?	Go to Question 6	<b>NICOP is not the solution.</b> If a Navy PM/PO is needed, contact ONRIFO to find the appropriate PM/PO.
6. Does the project have an ONRIFO point of contact to track through the selection process?	<b>NICOP may be a funding solution. Go to instructions listed below.</b>	Contact ONRIFO to establish an ONRIFO representative for the selection process.

## NICOP Responsibilities

*NICOP requests can follow several paths to be awarded; this is a typical scenario involving the 4-key players.*

STEP	TASK	Responsible Party			
		A. Int'l Partner. Party providing Non-US R&D effort	B. US Sponsor. Party providing funding support to A	C. USN Program Manager/Program Officer. Party willing to endorse or support effort (B & C are often the same party)	D. ONRIFO Contact
1	Match Int'l R&D sources with US sponsors & USN Program Managers (as needed).				<b>X</b>
2	Read the US Sponsor or Int'l Partner guidelines (what ever is appropriate).	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
3	Contact ONRIFO Contact. Inform ONRIFO Contact of intentions to submit a NICOP request. Keep ONRIFO Contact informed of your plans.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
4	Confer with USN Program Manager/Program Officer. Provide necessary info & data to USN Program Manager/Program Officer to complete NICOP Request Form.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		
5	Submit NICOP Request Form to ONRIFO (nicop@onrifo.navy.mil) no later than _____. Ensure following requirements are complied with: (1) There is a US Sponsor providing support to an Int'l Partner; and, (2) NICOP matching funds are not more than the total US Sponsor support for the Int'l Partner. Be sure to copy the ONRIFO Contact on their submission			<b>X</b>	
6	Monitor the NICOP request through the selection process. Keep all parties informed on progress of selection process.				<b>X</b>

